

**REGULAR MEETING OF
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Tuesday, October 25, 2005 7:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Mathewson, Feierbach, Metropulos, Bauer, Warden

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim District Manager Crist, Interim City Attorney Zafferano, Fire Chief Lowden, Finance Director Fil, District Secretary Cook.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Alternative Proposals for Future Fire Services in the City of Belmont

Interim District Manager Crist reviewed the presentation that was made at the last meeting regarding proposals for fire services, and outlined the subcommittee meetings held since. He noted that all the proposals are still under consideration in the City of San Carlos. He recommended that the City of Menlo Park's proposal be eliminated from consideration due to costs, and that a special Fire Protection District meeting be held on November 22 to review the analysis that is being made of the Firefighters Local 2400. He recommended that Hazmat services be excluded from comparisons of the various proposals under consideration, since this is a County service and responsibility. He noted that the South County Fire Authority has been subsidizing this service.

President Warden stated that the disputed County reimbursement for Hazmat services affect revenues, and could affect the final decision regarding the new provider of fire services to Belmont.

Discussion ensued. The Directors concurred to eliminate the Menlo Park from consideration, to meet on November 22 as noted, and to direct staff to continue to meet with the other agencies to refine and negotiate their proposals.

President Warden expressed concern regarding Hazmat costs, and noted that further information was needed to analyze what services are being received, and what impact the direct and indirect costs have for Belmont.

Chief Lowden responded that this issue will be discussed at the December South County Fire Authority meeting, and that both cities share the President's concern. He added that Hazmat services constitute \$100,000 to \$150,000 in unreimbursed costs to the Authority.

Discussion ensued regarding level of service, equipment, and staffing.

Director Mathewson stated that a longer term of contract would be more beneficial for stability.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:45 P.M.

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped
Audio Recording 620
Minutes approved 11/22/2005

Terri Cook
District Secretary